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Hinsdale's happiest baby

Six-month-old Grace Harris, winner of The Hinsdalean's happiest baby contest for 2022, has plenty to smile about as 2023 arrives, including her first birthday. See the photo that won her the spot on the cover on Page 6 and learn more about her parents and older brother in the 60 Seconds feature on Page 9. (Jim Slonoff photo)



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NEWS

Shopping season was a gift for merchants

By Pamela Lannom
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Brisk sales and happy customers marked the Christmas shopping season in Hinsdale this year, several merchants agreed.

"It was fantastic, excellent, great," said Jim Loufman, who owns King Keyser Ski and Bicycle with Rick Johnson. "A lot of people wanted to get out and recreate. It seemed there was generous gift giving."

The fact that King Keyser is one of only a handful of ski shops coupled with heavy snowfall in Colorado, Utah and Montana resorts has kept customers coming into the shop.

"We were full throttle, starting Thanksgiving to even yesterday," Loufman said Wednesday. "It's been really good for us."

Even Alpine Valley, a favorite nearby ski spot for Loufman, has been open since right after Thanksgiving.

Equipment — skis, boots, poles and bindings — has been selling especially well. So has an item associated with warmer weather.

"We've sold a couple of Christmas

bikes, too," Loufman said.

Having knowledgeable employees, having a full staff and offering customers complimentary boxes and gift wrapping makes a difference, he said.

Sales at Yankee Peddler also have been strong since Thanksgiving, owner Stacy Lorin said. The shop has many local customers and also had many willing to make the drive to Hinsdale from the city.

"We really reached a lot of Chicago customers, which was wonderful to bring to our village," she said.

Home decor items were the first to sell, then hostess gifts and party supplies once holiday parties began.

"People were really entertaining," she said. "People were feeling good about the holidays and life in general and celebrating again."

The bitter cold and wind on Dec. 23 was not ideal, she acknowledged.

"The true and die-hard shoppers that need to get out in those temperatures, they came," Lorin said. "We're so, so grateful for our loyal customer base."

Razny Jewelers also had a great

season, with diamond studs and diamond bracelets as the most popular gifts, said store manager Stephanie Herman. Engagement rings are big sellers as well.

"If it's not for now, it's leading up to people getting engaged on New Year's," she said. "It not just Christmas. It's this time of year, people feel the love."

The store didn't see its busiest week until close to Dec. 25.

"We definitely see the most shoppers the week of Christmas, and I think that's just the luxury of being in a downtown setting," Herman said. "People know they can wait and come in and still find something the week of Christmas."

Annette Brinkmeier, owner of Stockholm Objects, said she heard this year and last that people are really trying to shop local.

"They appreciate the variety of the shops in town," she said. "They can pretty much do their entire Christmas shopping in town. The new parking also is very much appreciated in town. I think that has really contributed to people enjoy-

ing coming to town more."

SO noticed an uptick in sales shortly after Halloween.

"It always starts pretty early in the beginning of November and it did again this year," Brinkmeier said. "We had a pretty good November and people definitely started early asking for the gift wrapping, so we know they are holiday shopping."

Last-minute shoppers missed out Dec. 23, when the store was closed due to the bad weather.

"Christmas Eve we really got the last-minute shoppers," she said. "We also see the same customer coming back several times. It's not like they buy everything at the same time."

"We also see that they go to the other stores, and they make their rounds and then they go back to where they saw something that they think is right."

She said the fall Wine Walk and the Christmas Walk help remind people of the stores in town and what they have to offer.

"We're really thankful for the town and for our customers," she said.



Marching orders to London

A year from Sunday, members of the Hinsdale Central Marching Band will participate in London's New Year's Day Parade 2024. Bob Bone, parade co-founder and chair (right) and Steve Summers, chair of the London Mayors' Association (left) came to Central earlier this year to extend the official invitation. Drum major Doena Julary was given an umbrella with instructions to keep it on her person until Jan. 1, 2024, to ensure good weather for the parade. Following the ceremony, the band played. The parade sees more than 8,000 performers from all corners of the globe entertain a street audience of about 500,000 and a global TV and streaming audience of tens of millions. (Jim Slonoff photos)

ONCE UPON A TIME



Icemakers — This photo in Sandy Williams’ book, “Images of America — Hinsdale,” shows ice being cut up and stored along the banks of Salt Creek near Washington and Spring Road. “Fullersburg’s Mammoth Springs Ice Company, a prosperous natural ice business before the days of refrigeration, was begun by John Ruchty in 1880. When the ice on Salt Creek was about 16 inches thick, it was cut into 24-inch blocks. Workmen are shown maneuvering the floating ice to the horse-powered conveyor belt that carried the blocks to the top of the icehouse.”



Happy Birthday!
Lillian Yeager
turns 10 Jan. 2

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D181 focus on success, teamwork in '22

Our staff and D181 community should once again feel very proud that we have not been distracted by ancillary issues and have instead been able to keep our keen focus on the success of our students.

This success has come in various forms and across many areas of the district, from the classrooms to the district office, the school board and everything in between. This past semester, we saw evidence that our students continue to show outstanding growth and achievement compared to their peers at similar schools. On state assessments, all of our ele-

mentary schools were in the top 10 percent of schools in the state for the first time in school history.

We have also forged some fantastic partnerships that have enhanced our students' and staff experiences in numerous ways throughout the year.

Our PTOs, led by incredibly altruistic and hard-working individuals, have worked with our team to foster a unique culture in all our schools. The Rotary Club of Hinsdale



Hector Garcia

has sponsored multiple fundraisers and events to help organizations in the area and our school with their time and kind donations.

I also want to spotlight the D181 Foundation and the parents and community members who are a part of this organization or contribute in different ways.

Their partnership has helped us to establish the vision of having one amazing D181 school district. Please visit the D181

Foundation website for more information and to view all of their efforts on behalf of our students.

These achievements would not have been possible if not for the exceptional professionalism of our entire staff, the support of one of the best school boards in the area and the entire D181 school community.

I wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season with plenty of relaxation and the good company of family and friends. I look forward to continuing our success in 2023.

— *Dr. Hector Garcia, superintendent*

Santa cakes

The Community House Breakfast with Santa was held Dec 17. Oliver Gard digs in, while Callahan Laga takes matters into his own hands. Andy, Marley, Crosby and Annie Gray get in a word with the main man while Julien Pardes works on coloring with daughters Keira and Maeva. (Jim Slonoff photos)



NEXT WEEK

The Hinsdale Village Board, Community Consolidated District 181 Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board were not scheduled to meet the week of Jan. 2-6 as of Dec. 28.

One happy baby!



This is the photo that earned 6-month-old Grace Harris the title of Hinsdale's happiest baby for 2022. Her photo appears on the cover of today's issue, and her family is profiled in the 60 seconds feature on Page 9. Here's to a year filled with smiles for all.

COVID level rises to high in DuPage County

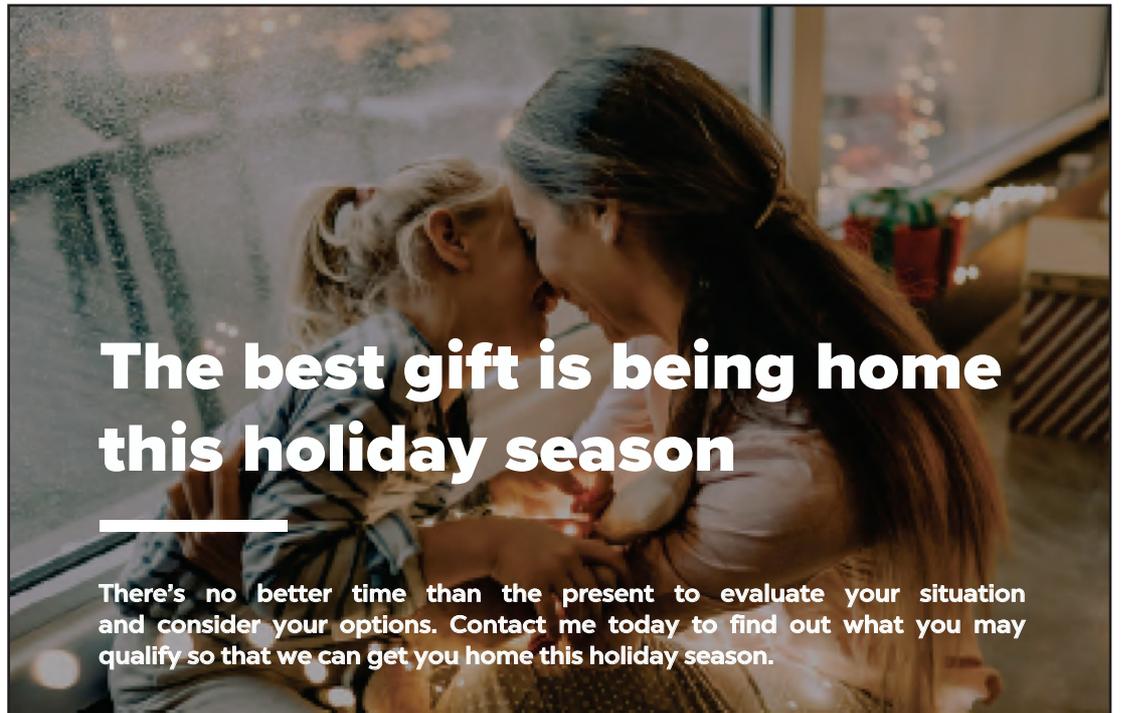
The DuPage County Health Department reported 14 new cases of COVID-19 in Hinsdale over the past week, bringing the total number of cases in the DuPage County portion of Hinsdale to 4,379, compared to 4,365 last week. The Cook County Health Department no longer reports on cases specific to Hinsdale.

The number of cases per 100,000 population in DuPage was 24.5 on Dec. 27, compared to 26.9 on Dec. 20. The com-

munity level has risen to high in DuPage County.

District 181 reported three new positive cases from Dec. 20-21, before winter break began, including two students and one staff member, for a total of 168 districtwide since school opened.

District 86 is on winter break and has not reported any new cases at Hinsdale Central since Dec. 16, when the student total was 73.



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2022 year of milestones for District 86

The start of a new year is a time for celebration and reflection. We look back on the year that has passed and remember the moments and milestones that helped shape us. We also think about the year ahead and the myriad things we hope to achieve.

When I look back on 2022 here in District 86, I am incredibly proud of what we accomplished and deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to our success. As has been the case the past few years, our work centered around our strategic plan and the goal of helping every student we serve pursue their ideal future. With this plan and goal as our guide, we were able to:

- Make significant progress on the alignment of our curriculum and grading practices.
- Create a unified program of studies for our district, which is some-

thing we have been working toward for several years.

- Launch an earned honors credit pilot that is providing more of our students with the opportunity to demonstrate honors-level work.
- Implement early release Wednesdays, which are providing our faculty and staff with valuable time to collaborate and our students with access to critical assistance and support.
- Make promising strides in our equity work, which included strengthening our multi-tiered system of supports for students, providing increased professional development opportunities for our employees and hiring highly-qualified diverse candidates for teaching and administrative



Tammy Prentiss

positions.

- Complete upgrades and improvements to the learning and recreational spaces in our buildings in conjunction with our Future Ready Facilities plan.

• Provide stakeholders with access to multiple avenues and opportunities that they could use to contribute to our work. Our students also continued to excel both

in and out of the classroom, which was highlighted by:

- Jui Khankari from Central being named a U.S. Presidential Scholar.
- Jay and Judy Yang from South being members of the first badminton team from the U.S. to compete at the Deaflympics.
- Twenty-three seniors being named finalists in the National Merit

Scholarship Program.

- Nearly 300 students being named Illinois State Scholars.
- Several music students earning All-District and All-State selections.
- Both schools winning numerous academic and athletic championships, including several state titles.

As I look toward 2023, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. I am also optimistic about what we can achieve if we remain open to change, continue to support the tireless efforts of our employees and find ways to get more members of our community involved in the work we do on a day-to-day basis.

For now, though, I simply want to wish you the happiest of holidays, and thank you for all that you do to help our students learn, grow and lead.

— Tammy Prentiss, superintendent

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BLING IN THE
new year



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POLICE BEAT

Hinsdale police did not distribute reports this week.

Village lists reminders for winter weather

The village of Hinsdale wishes to share the following reminders with residents regarding winter weather.

Personnel and plowing equipment are ready for any snow or ice removal that may be needed throughout the winter season.

Please note the village's snow removal plan which prioritizes plowing and/or salting operations in the following order:

- main arterial roads, central business district roads, and school routes
- train platforms
- secondary streets
- sidewalk circuits
- cul-de-sacs
- parking lots
- alleys
- town clean-up

As a reminder, residential street parking at any time is not allowed after 3 inches of snowfall and violators are subject to ticketing. Cars parked on the street in residential areas greatly reduce the efficiency of snow remov-

al efforts and create hazards during conditions.

When extreme cold temperatures are forecasted, individuals are reminded to take precautions to ensure their health, safety and well-being. Those needing relief are encouraged to seek shelter at any of the heating centers in DuPage County. The closest is the Hinsdale Police Department at 121 Symonds Drive.

Public services reminds residents that extreme cold can cause pipes to crack and burst. To avoid this expensive and damaging situation, residents are reminded to leave their water trickling, to open cabinets in order to expose water pipes to warm air and to eliminate sources of cold air. If pipes freeze, shut off the water immediately. Do not attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off. Freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes or joints. Avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.

Sign up to shovel, get help with shoveling through the village

Hinsdale once again is offering a snow shoveling program to connect residents in need with residents seeking ways to volunteer and contribute to their community.

Individuals looking to give back, or who are seeking community service/volunteer hours are encouraged to complete the application on the village website at www.villageofhinsdale.org. Contact information of participating individuals will be shared with residents in need of snow shoveling assistance. Residents will contact the volunteers directly when assistance is needed. The volunteer is responsible for snow shoveling or notifying the resident if they are unable to complete the work.

Residents seeking to join

the program are encouraged to fill out the snow shoveling referrals request form.

Once registered for the program, contact information of participating volunteers will be supplied. The resident is responsible for contacting the volunteer, and scheduling a time for shoveling. This is a volunteer service and there is no requirement to exchange money and/or goods. However, any remuneration would be worked out between the parties.

The village does not do background checks on any of the participating volunteers, seniors citizens or persons with disabilities. Both parties should conduct their own interview and/or reference check if desired before signing on with a particular client or volunteer.

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■ “Every morning, he immediately wants to go into her room, and he’ll open the door and say, ‘Baby! Baby!’ He smiles at her and gives her kisses. It’s really sweet.” — **Alyssa Harris**

Hinsdale roots solid ground for next generation

It took Alyssa Harris a few months to come to terms with settling down in the town of her upbringing, now with offspring of her own.

“I felt a bit of impostor syndrome,” she confessed of the move in April of 2021, “where I’m walking around seeing my friends’ parents or my parents’ friends, saying, ‘Hi Mrs. and Mr. So-and-so,’ feeling like I was a kid playing an adult.”

Alyssa, husband Alec and son Theo, 2, lately have been adjusting to being a family of four after the arrival of daughter Grace in June. Grace, for her part, seems perfectly content, earning The Hinsdalean’s Happiest Baby distinction for 2022 (see cover photo).

“She is very chill so far,” Alyssa said of her 6-month-old. “She’s the kind of baby that lulls people into thinking that all babies are good and easy.”

Theo, somewhat surprisingly, hasn’t minded sharing the spotlight.

“Every morning, he immediately wants to go into her room, and he’ll open the door and say, ‘Baby! Baby!’” Alyssa said. “He smiles at her and gives her kisses. It’s really sweet.”

Alec said experience has been a useful tool with a second child, to a point.

“What’s a glass of water when you’re drowning?” he quipped, half-jokingly. “We’re keeping our heads afloat and learning to appreciate this time that we have because you start to realize how fast it goes.”

With Theo born during the pandemic while the couple was still living in largely shuttered Chicago, Alyssa said they were eager to embrace the community’s summer’s delights with Grace.

“Three days after she was born, we were with her at the Fine Arts Festival in downtown Hinsdale,” she said.

Trying to navigate COVID-19 in three-story walk-up in Bucktown hastened their westward relocation, said Alec, who had visited Hinsdale with Alyssa earlier in their relationship.

“I always was really impressed with the town,” he commented. “We were blessed when we were fortunate enough to put ourselves in a position to raise our family in the suburbs. It was realizing that we have to do what’s right for (Theo) and our family.”

Alyssa relishes that she and her two sisters have conveniently had their children within months of one another.

“Having babies all around



THE HARRIS FAMILY

ALYSSA IS INVOLVED WITH HINSDALE JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB • ALEC ENJOYS PADDLE TENNIS • ALEC GREW UP IN THE DETROIT AREA • ALYSSA WORKS IN HEALTHCARE RESEARCH • ALEC WORKS AS A RADIATION ONCOLOGIST

the same time is really great, lots of cousins close in age,” she said.

Balancing working from home with parenting has compelled her to rearrange her priorities.

“It’s made me a little more patient, just because you have to realize things aren’t just about you any more,” she said.

Alyssa’s parents also have moved back to Hinsdale, pro-

viding a vital support network. Walking their dog Lula has helped them connect with neighbors, and Theo has a gregarious side.

“Right now his personality is pretty centered around cars and trucks and trains,” Alyssa said with a laugh, “but he’s very social.”

Both Alec and Alyssa try to make space for personal social outlets. When they have the

energy, that is.

“I thought I was tired doing medical residency shifts, but raising kids is exhausting,” Alec said.

The two look forward to the parenting path ahead, mystery and all. But for 2023, returning to more familiar rhythms is one wish.

“Settling back into a routine would be lovely,” Alec said.

— by Ken Knutson



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Another year opens, new opportunities await

As we reflect on the highs and lows of 2022, we are also compelled to turn our collective gaze to 2023 and consider the possibilities for beneficial and constructive development as a community.

Here are our resolutions for the year ahead.

• **Preserve and protect**

The village should continue to promote the historic overlay district it created earlier this year and the incentives available to homeowners looking to renovate qualifying properties. The program will be effective only to the extent that people are made aware of it in order to take advantage of it.

• **Lock it up**

Residents should resolve to lock their cars and pocket their key fobs at night — even in their own driveways. Too many police resources are being devoted to recovering vehicles. And too many thieves, some armed, are coming to Hinsdale with the hope of driving away in a free luxury car.

• **Open spaces**

Village officials need to continue to evaluate downtown parking dynamics. The parking deck is doing its job — so much so that finding a spot between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekdays is almost impossible, leaving central business district employees with limited options if they

start work during those hours or leave the deck at lunch.

• **Patronize the pool**

Hinsdaleans should take every opportunity this summer to spend time the Hinsdale Community Pool. This wonderful resource relies on the sale of memberships and daily admission fees to remain open.

• **Find the funds**

Board members and administrators in Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 should examine the budget to see if there is money available to expand on Rising Stars and offer a full-day kindergarten program to all D181 students.

• **Listen, don't presume**

Community members would benefit from realizing that just because they or their children have not witnessed racism in Hinsdale High School District 86 does not mean the district's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts are unnecessary.

• **Do your homework**

Voters should resolve to spend the time to get to know the candidates running for a seat on the Hinsdale High School District 86 Board in the April 3 election. The Hinsdalean resolves to

do its part to provide as much information as possible.

• **Give peace a chance**

Speaking of District 86, board members should commit to working through their differences toward positive solutions instead of incidents like the meeting walkout that occurred in June over a closed session minutes dispute. Rancor has become all too pervasive in society — we need more examples of cooperation.

• **Lean in generously**

People who value the work that Hinsdale's nonprofit agencies must support them financially. Due largely to pandemic fallout, organizations like the Hinsdale Humane Society have faced unprecedented challenges. To find their path in a post-COVID normal, they'll need donors willing to resource that journey.

• **Celebrate the sesquicentennial**

The village's 150th birthday celebration next year should be marked with opportunities to learn how the town came to be the cherished place it is as well as an invitation to build on that legacy through a shared commitment to support community agencies, merchants and one another. We pledge to do our part with a weekly feature dedicated to this special anniversary.

COMMENTARY

To Ainsley on her 14th birthday

I've learned over the past three years that change is inevitable — even when it comes to cherished holiday traditions.

But there's one I plan to continue as long as I can. The final issue of the year also happens to be the issue before Ainsley's birthday, and I've used this space for more than a decade to pen her an annual letter.

I typically make the same two points in my introduction each year and will do so again. I am grateful she has yet to object to the very public nature of this note. I also appreciate readers' patience with this yearly rumination — and especially the gracious comments from those who say they enjoy watching her grow up, so to speak, in my columns.

Dear Ainsley,

As is the case every December, I find it hard to believe you are the age you are — and that you are about to turn a year older.

This is the end of your first year as a teenager, and from what I

hear, the end of your teen years will be here before I know it. You have been taller than I am for some time now, and your Christmas gifts — mostly clothes and jewelry — clearly illustrate you are no longer a little girl.

I sometimes miss the days when we would visit Santa on Christmas Eve and you would be thrilled the next morning to find the toy kitchen or Barbie Dreamhouse he left. At the same time, I have so enjoyed watching you grow into the young woman you have become.

I love your sense of humor, your eclectic (and impeccable) taste in music and your sense of fashion. I am touched by your compassion for others and your generous heart. Hearing you sing and play your clarinet brings me such joy.

As wonderful as it is to share the big moments with you — like Christmas Day and seeing Paul



Pamela Lannom

McCartney in concert — I enjoy just as much sharing the small moments, like driving around looking at Christmas lights or taking the dog for a walk or running to Walgreens for Takis.

I know being in middle school is hard — even harder now with social media eliminating the breaks we used to get from cruel or annoying classmates when we went home at the end of the day. You have only a few more months left, and I know you'll get through it.

Soon you'll be on to high school and then college and then, in the blink of an eye, the rest of your life.

I'm not sure you even know who Oprah Winfrey is, but she has a famous quote that makes me think of you.

"When I look into the future, it's so bright it burns my eyes."

I'm not sure you're able to see all the wonderful things your future

will hold. I'm not sure any 14-year-old, with childhood barely in the rearview mirror, is able to see very far into the future.

At a young age it's tough to have the perspective, I think, to picture life more than a few years down the road. Add to that the unsettled nature of being a teen, and it can be hard to imagine a world filled with promise.

I'm not saying everything will go smoothly for you, Ainsley. You will continue to hit rough patches and tough times. One day they will become less painful as you learn to appreciate them as opportunities of growth.

I do believe with all my heart that all of the things that make you you will translate into an amazing life filled with happiness and love. That certainly is my wish for you this birthday — and every birthday.

Love you,
Mom

— Pamela Lannom is editor of *The Hinsdalean*. Readers can email her at plannom@thehinsdalean.com.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Naughty, nice and all in between

I was making dinner a few nights ago when I heard my boys having a serious conversation — or as serious as serious gets for a 4- and 6-year-old.



Lex Silberberg

“Hey E,” said C, the older one. “Do you think you’re on Santa’s nice list or naughty list this year?”

They were in the middle of destroying the living room for the fourth time since school let out. Race cars and Magna-Tiles littered the floor, a couch cushion fort lay half-toppled next to the Christmas tree and a Pisa-esque tower of library books served as a centerpiece to the chaos but E, the younger one, overlooked it all and answered matter-of-factly.

“Well, I only punched you one time today but you sat on my head AND took my Bowser,” he recounted, narrowing his eyes. “So I’m on the nice list and YOU’RE on the naughty list, C!” Needless to say, his punch count did not stay at only one and King Koopa almost ended up in the toilet.

Silberboy metrics notwithstanding, getting a child to actively consider how nice or naughty they are is slightly easier in the month of December. Whether they’re jumping on furniture, playing with food or recruiting for Fight Club Junior, a gentle “Santa’s watching, kiddos!” or not-so-gentle “SO HELP ME GOD, Christmas is about to be canceled!” (for the 67th time that week) is

usually enough to get even the most cookies-, candy cane- and hot chocolate-fueled progeny to think for a minute. But what about the other 11 months of the year when we can’t crutch on Mr. Claus for backup? Yes, I

know the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy are usually solid muscle to contact in the offseason; I’m just trying to limit to whom I owe favors.

Over the past six years, I have compiled a laundry list (and laundry in general, because kids) of what works and what doesn’t when it comes to child wrangling, with the Ls far outnumbering the Ws. What’s effective one day goes up in flames the next, the tactic that tanked last week is a miracle worker this time around. Parenting is pretty much a Choose Your Own Adventure where even the safest sounding path can lead to disaster. At least nothing’s on fire. Yet.

If you’ve read this far hoping for a January-through-November solution, SPOILER: I don’t have one. (If you do, feel free to email me!) Until I find one, though, I’m employing Santa’s listening ears, empathetic heart and warm chuckles while I bide my time until next December when the Big Man himself flies in to help me out again.

— Lex Silberberg of *Hinsdale* is a contributing columnist. Readers can email her at news@thehinsdalean.com.

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OBITUARIES

Neal Theodore Ayala-Johnson

Neal Theodore Ayala-Johnson, 47, of Hinsdale, passed away Dec. 20, 2022.

He was born in 1975 to Arthur and Sharon Johnson.

After earning his degree from Georgetown University, he returned home to pursue his lifetime love and passion: the airline industry. He traveled to all seven continents, more than 100 countries, and worked for over half a dozen airlines. Most recently, he worked for United Airlines, where he fulfilled many roles during his career, and wished to do so for the rest of his life.

Neal's passion for traveling was rivaled only



Ayala-Johnson

by his love for family.

He is survived by his parents; his husband, Efraim "Efray" Ayala-Johnson; his children, Gabriella "Ella" and William Ayala-Johnson; his sister, Lauren (Rahul) Johnson Sekhar; his four nieces and nephews; and his siblings-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant St., Hinsdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online to the Hinsdale Humane Society at www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org or Greyhounds Only at www.greyhoundsonly.com.

Thomas Charles Hardies

Thomas Charles Hardies, 58, formerly of Hinsdale, and his loyal dog, Otis, died unexpectedly in their sleep in the family home in Tabernash, Colo., on Dec. 17, 2022.

Tom was born in 1964 in New York state. The family moved to Stevensville, Mich., then ultimately settled in Goshen, Ind., in 1975 where he attended middle school and high school.

He received his bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Purdue University, where he raced in the Go-Kart Grand Prix and was a member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He received his MBA from DePaul University in 1995.

Outside of his 35-year career with Borg Warner Corp., he was an accomplished multi-sport athlete, skier and outdoorsman. He successfully competed in seven Ironman triathalons, including the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, in 2006. Most



Hardies

recently, he completed the Leadville 100 Mountain Bike race in August 2022.

His true passion was life in the mountains, where he enjoyed skiing, cycling, hiking and riding his motorcycle on miles and miles of fire roads.

Tom was a man of few words, but lived his life with passion and constant acts of service for all. There were no strangers in Tom's presence, only friends he was eager to make. His humor, kindness, huge heart and zest for life will be deeply missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Marianne (Knowles) and Charles Hardies; and his sister, Karen Hardies Bucko.

He is survived by his his two daughters, Jill and Anne; his wife, Erin; and his step-daughters, Kate and Tess Klygis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Interment will be private.

Sally Fleming Hartmann

Sally Fleming Hartmann, 77, of Hinsdale died Dec. 23, a week after suffering a major stroke.

Sally was born and raised in Richmond, Ind. Always a good student, she was the valedictorian of Richmond Senior High School when she graduated in 1963. A month after graduation, she met the man who would become her husband of 58 years.

A resident of Hinsdale since 1976, Sally raised her children while she continued her education. She graduated from North Central College (summa cum laude) and earned her master's and doctorate in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. After graduation, she worked at a small HR consulting firm.

She joined Sears, Roebuck & Co. in 1984, rising through the ranks over her more than 20-year career to vice president of leadership and organization development. After Sears was sold, she finished her professional career as a consultant with Vantage Leadership Consulting. Once retired, she wrote a series



Hartmann

of more than 30 guest columns for the Hinsdalean.

In her final one, she wrote, "In a sense, the combined content of 36 articles serves as fairly comprehensive components (that is, those I was willing to share!) of my autobiography."

Always proud of her children, she particularly enjoyed the year she could say that she had a daughter at (the formerly all-male) Princeton and a son at (the formerly all-female) Vassar. She was a bright, funny, lovely person who was a wonderful friend to many but was most happy at home with her husband and dog, Charlie.

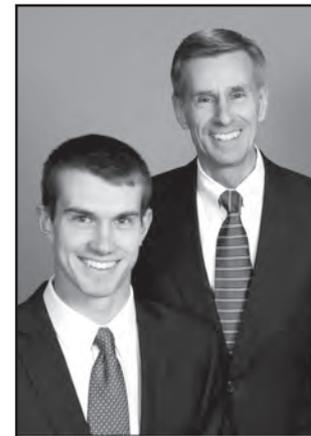
She is survived by her husband, Frederick L. Hartmann of Hinsdale; her daughter, Beth (Adam) Steele; her son, David (Magdalene Crowley) Hartmann; her brother, James (Joette) Fleming; and many other family members.

A gathering to celebrate her life is being planned for the new year.

Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale handled the arrangements.

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ANGEL RANGEL, MIXOLOGIST

What are some choices for NYE toasts?

For centuries, the sparkling wine known as Champagne has been used to celebrate birthdays, promotions, marriages and of course, the arrival of a new year. And according to Angel Rangel, assistant manager at Il Poggiolo in Hinsdale, it's not something to be messed with.

"Champagne you want to keep the way it is," said Rangel. While Rangel believes Champagne is best enjoyed on its own, it is not the only way to mark a special occasion. Rangel said there are many beverages worthy of helping to ring in the new year.

Champagne's dry cousin, prosecco, is just right for creating a number of celebratory beverages, Rangel said. Made from grapes grown in the Veneto region of northeast Italy, prosecco has a drier, less complex flavor palette than can add sparkle to a number of drinks, including one of Rangel's favorites — the French 75.

Made with gin and lemon juice and topped with prosecco, it's a cocktail that can be enjoyed year-round. The bartenders at Il Poggiolo add blood

orange syrup to give their version a wintery twist, Rangel said.

The French 75 can easily be converted to a non-alcoholic drink by substituting sparkling water or soda for prosecco and leaving out the gin. Rangel said he creates a French 75 mocktail by combining sparkling water with lemon juice and apple cider and adding a garnish of mint or cranberry for a festive touch.

"Garnish always makes a difference for a cocktail," Rangel said. "You know it's going to taste good just by looking at it."

Rangel has been creating tasty concoctions behind the bar for nearly a decade and will celebrate his fifth year at Il Poggiolo in May. He said that since the pandemic, people seem more willing to try new things and add new flavors to their drinks. But guests who order signature drinks like the limoncello basil martini or winter in Sicily cocktail want to get what they're expecting every time.

Consistency is key, he said, but the bartenders at Il Poggiolo are always willing to tweak a drink to meet the customer's personal palate. That includes creating a mocktail version of popular drinks like the mojito or Moscow mule. As with the French 75, the key to creating a non-alcohol-

ic version of any drink is sparkling water, Rangel said. He prefers San Pellegrino.

On New Year's Eve, champagne toasts are often preceded by an evening that might include a few cocktails. Rangel said it's important to space out drinks and to stay hydrated with water. He also suggests consuming carbohydrates like bread or pasta.

"That way everyone can make it home safe," he said.

Rangel said his personal choice for the New Year's Eve toast is a classic flute of champagne. From the sound of the cork pop to the sparkle of the bubbles, he said a champagne toast engages all of the senses.

Finally, he has a suggestion for those who need a little help waiting for the ball to drop. An espresso martini, made with equal parts vanilla vodka, chocolate liqueur and espresso, offers a caffeine jolt and a tasty sip for the hours leading up to midnight.

Of course, not everyone prefers to stay up late. For Il Poggiolo's youngest customers, and anyone who prefers an earlier bedtime, the restaurant offers a 7 p.m. toast to the new year on Dec. 31. With their drinks of choice in hand, everyone is invited to ring in the new year.

— by Sandy Illian Bosch



Angel Rangel, assistant manager and bartender at Il Poggiolo, suggested a French 75 or espresso martini for those who are looking to ring in the New Year with something other than Champagne. (Jim Slonoff photo)

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OBITUARIES

Lauren Sweeney Mitchell

Lauren Sweeney Mitchell, 39, of Carlsbad, Calif., formerly of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully Dec. 19, 2022, in La Jolla, Calif., surrounded by family.

Lauren graduated from Hinsdale Central in 2001 and from The University of Southern California in 2006. She was a certified public accountant by profession, but a wife and mother 100 percent by heart and soul. Her priorities were always her faith, her husband and children as well as her big extended family. She never lost her connection to Hinsdale and loved the Fourth of July celebrations above all other holidays.

In her lifetime she overcame obstacles that most people cannot imagine let alone endure, yet she never asked "why me." Born with cystic fibrosis, she persevered, knocked it out of the park at USC and married a great guy before requiring a double lung transplant at the age of 30. She then completed her family and had three children before her ultimate three-week battle with cancer, during which she was surrounded by family 24 hours a day.

Her family will speak about her for the rest



Mitchell

of their lives and her children will grow up knowing her as the hero, leader, optimist and beautiful inspiration she is. Although Lauren will be missed forever, her family can rest, assured she is in heaven and knowing they will be reunited with her again eternally. As Lauren said: "You can bet on it."

She is survived by her husband, Ronny Mitchell; her children, Zachary, Avery and Grant; her parents, Linda and Gerry Sweeney; her sisters, Caroline Sweeney (Alexander) Makris, Julia (Michael) Muniz and Meredith Sweeney; her brother, Nicholas Sweeney; her in-laws, Ronald and Jeanette Mitchell; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

A celebration of her extraordinary life will take place at 1 p.m. (Pacific time) Friday, Jan. 20, at North Coast Church, 2405 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, Calif. For those who can attend, please wear something blue, Lauren's favorite color.

Memorials may be made online to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and or the American Cancer Society.

Holiday tree, light recycling options

Residents can take advantage of opportunities to recycle holiday items over the next few weeks.

The village of Hinsdale will collect real Christmas trees for free when placed at the curb during the weeks following New Year's Day. All decorations and trimming must be removed. An artificial tree is treated as a bulk item, however, and requires two garbage

stickers for collection.

Light strands that are dim or not working can be taken to one of these sites (by the date noted):

- Oak Brook Public Library, 600 Oak Brook Road (until Jan. 13)
- Westmont Public Library, 428 N Cass Ave. (through January)
- Johantik Fire Station Headquarters, 6015 S. Cass

Ave., Westmont (through January)

- Darien Police Department, 1710 Plainfield Road (until mid-February)
- Downers Grove Fire Station 2, 5420 Main St. (until Feb. 10)

For a full listing of holiday lighting collection sites in DuPage County, visit www.scarce.org/holiday-light-recycling-2.

Safety campaign on through Jan. 2

Hinsdale Police are partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to remind motorists about the dangers of impaired driving with a "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High. Get a DUI." traffic safety campaign through Jan. 2.

"During the campaign, you can expect to see extra safety patrols," Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie said. "We will show zero

tolerance for alcohol and drug-impaired driving to help ensure everyone makes it to and from their holiday festivities safely."

Before the holiday fun begins, remember these tips.

- Designate a sober driver or make a plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service to get home safely.
- If you see an impaired driv-

er on the road, pull over and call 911.

- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.
- Always buckle up!

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by NHTSA.



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Roll out the red carpet for 2023

Mark the new year's holiday through one of many local activities on tap

Ready or not, 2023 is knocking on the door, about to relegate those 2022 calendars to the recycling bin.

If you haven't yet made plans to celebrate, here are some ways to make the changeover memorable without venturing too far away.

Light it up!

- Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic lights festival runs through Saturday, Dec. 31. Between 3 and 9 p.m. enjoy more than 2 million twinkling LED lights, a 41-foot tall tree choreographed to seasonal tunes, photo opportunities in the 20-foot-tall orb and the life-size gingerbread house and a 600-foot-long "Tunnel of Lights." Admission to the zoo, 3400 31st St., is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and older, plus \$15 parking. Get tickets at www.czs.org/holidaymagic.

- Illumination: Tree Lights, Morton Arboretum's 10th annual spectacle of color, light and sound, runs through Saturday, Jan. 7. The adults-only Electric Illumination, featuring a curated mix of trance and progressive house music synchronized to the light displays, is from 9:30 to 11 p.m. Dec. 30. Along the way enjoy s'mores or stop in one of the concession tents for a snack and beverage. Timed-entry tickets, priced at \$16 to \$27, are available from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The arboretum is at 4100 Route 53 in Lisle. Get tickets at www.mortonarb.org

- Oak Brook Park District is holding its Winter Lights display through Sunday, Jan. 8, at Central Park, 1510 Forest Gate Road. Enjoy a half mile walk and discover dancing trees, inspirational signs, colorful rainbow arches, cascading snowflakes and musical hearts — with plenty of photo opportunities throughout. The free display, open daily from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., is inclusive and accessible along paved pathways. Dogs are allowed on a leash. Visit www.obparks.org for more details.

Musical flourishes

- Finish out 2022 with the New



The New Philharmonic's annual New Year's Eve concert at the MAC in Glen Ellyn is among the options for revelers looking to celebrate the start of 2023 this weekend. (photo provided)

Philharmonic Saturday, Dec. 31, at the College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center, 421 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. The orchestra will perform concerts at 1:30, 5 and 8:30 p.m. featuring a mix of pop, waltzes, arias and light classical favorites, enhanced by the rich bass-baritone voice of Mischa Bouvier and members of the high-energy electric violin troupe CoverGirls. Tickets are \$67 to \$77. Visit www.atthemac.org or call (630) 942-4000.

- Sinfonietta bel Canto invites people to ring in 2023 at its Family New Year's Day Celebration Fundraiser at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, at St. Paul's UCC, 5739 Dunham Road in Downers Grove. This benefit concert will include Strauss waltzes, light classics and more. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Tickets are \$40, \$30 for seniors and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Visit www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org.

Dining delights

Hinsdale's Il Poggiolo, 8 E. First

St., offers a tasty conclusion to the year with both its regular menu and chef's specials starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. That's also when the children's party begins, with party favors and a countdown at 7 p.m.; a special kids menu is \$25. Make a reservation at www.ilpoggiolohinsdale.com or (630) 734-9000.

Family festivities

- Take part in the Noon Year's Eve Party from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Hinsdale Public Library, 20 E. Maple St., complete with crafts, games and snacks — and, of course, a noon countdown! Register at www.hinsdale.libnet.info or call (630) 986-1976

- "Elf the Musical" is on stage through Sunday, Jan. 8, at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Follow Buddy who, after discovering he is really a human raised as an elf, journeys from the North Pole to New York City to find his birth father. Shows

are at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$78 to \$89, with a \$5 senior discount for Wednesday and Thursday matinees. Enjoy lunch or dinner before or after the show at Lucille Restaurant. Visit www.drurylanetheatre.com or call (630) 530-0111.

Party 'til the new year

Party like the Rat Pack on New Year's Eve with the "Timeless" show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Oak Brook Hills Resort, 3500 Midwest Road. Enjoy Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin tribute performers, backed by a 15-piece big band, while sipping classic era cocktails from the open bar and enjoying delicious food and a chocolate fountain. The party culminates with a midnight balloon drop and Champagne toast. Hotel stay packages are available. Tickets start at \$125. Visit www.tinyurl.com/OBHNYE.

PULSE



Best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay will talk about joy with performance poet Dan “Sully” Sullivan Jan. 11 in an online event offered through the Hinsdale Public Library. See Page 19 for details. (photo provided)

FAMILY FUN

■ Firefly Family Theater

Jan. 5
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Firefly Family Theater presents “Spark’s Snow Day!” Join Spark the firefly for her first snow day and sing, dance and play with Spark and her friends. Times: 10 to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon. RR

■ Pinecone Suet Feeders

Jan. 7
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.com
(708) 839-6897

Kids ages 6 and older can learn about birds that call Cook County home during winter and leave with a feeder. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. RR

■ Archery: Families

Jan. 8
St. James Farm
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GAME ON

■ Men’s Bridge Open Play

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PULSE

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

■ **Renew, Rejuvenate, Restore**
Dec. 31
Little Red Schoolhouse
Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Road,
Willow Springs
www.fpdcc.org
(708) 839-6897
Renew, rejuvenate and restore the mind, body and spirit, then enjoy a bonfire and hot chocolate. Time: 10 a.m. RR

■ **Body Well by F4M**
Tuesdays & Saturdays, Jan. 3-April 29
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8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Saturdays. Cost: \$150. RR

■ **Candlelight Qi-Gong**
Jan. 4
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500
This free class will introduce participants to Qi-gong, described as "moving meditation," to experience slow-flowing movements with deep rhythmic breathing and a calm meditative state of mind to help optimize energy within the body, mind and spirit — by candlelight. The program is for ages 18 and up. Call the number above (can leave a message) or stop by the front desk to register. Time: 1:30 p.m.

JUST FOR KIDS

■ **Bollywood Fusion Dance Workshop**
Jan. 1
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500
Kids 8 and older can follow along step-by-step with this exciting mix of traditional South Asian dance forms with a modern and hip-hop twist led by actor/performer/producer Puja Mohindra. Time: noon to 2 p.m. Cost: \$25. RR, MD

■ **Sideline Cheer/Poms**
Mondays, Jan. 2-23
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500
Dancers ages 6-9, beginners and experienced, will learn the fun and exciting movements of poms, focusing on sharpness, technique, muscle control, stamina, self-motivation and

determination while having a great time. Times: 5 to 5:45 p.m. for ages 6-7, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. for ages 8-9. Cost: \$143. RR, MD

■ **Winter Reading Challenge**
Through Jan. 8
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
Youth in kindergarten through middle school are encouraged to fill out a bingo card based on reading to win various prizes.

LISTEN & LEARN

■ **Get Organized with the Declutter "10"**
Jan. 14
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976
Start 2023 off with less clutter and more organization. Professional organizer Kim Cosentino will teach tips and tricks to tackle even the most overwhelming projects. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. RR

NOTEWORTHY

■ **Pete Mulvey**
Jan. 7
Unitarian Church of Hinsdale
11 W. Maple St.
www.acousticren.com
(630) 941-7797
The multi-talented Mulvey has built his life's work on collaboration and an instinct for the eclectic and the vital. He folds everything he encounters into his work: poetry, social justice, scientific literacy and a deeply abiding humanism are all on plain display in his music. Time: 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

■ **Celebrating Elvis Presley's Records**

Jan. 15
McAninch Arts Center
College of DuPage
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
www.atthemac.org
(630) 942-4000

Hot Club of Cowtown has teamed up with Tyler Hilton, who played the role of Elvis in the blockbuster biopic "Walk the Line," to bring Elvis' hits from Sun Studios to the MAC Stage. Time: 4 p.m. Tickets: \$35-\$50.

ON STAGE

■ **The Winter Workshop**
Jan. 13-15
Theatre of Western Springs
4384 Hampton Ave.
https://theatreofwesternsprings.com
(708) 246-4043
The workshop features performances of "The Duck Variations" by David Mamet and "Who Are You" by TWS Active Janet Venzon. Times: 8 p.m. Jan. 13 & 14, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15. Tickets: At-will donations will be collected. RR

■ **Little Women**
Through Jan. 15
Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook
www.firstfolio.org
(630) 986-8067
Savor anew the tale of Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy in this world premiere adaptation, written by First Folio artistic associate Heather Chrisler. Times: 8 p.m. Wednesdays & Fridays; 3 p.m. Thursdays; 4 and 8 p.m. Saturdays; with an 8 p.m. performance Thursday, Dec. 22. Tickets: \$29-\$59, \$20 for students.

SIGN UP NOW

■ **Investment & Finance Club: Monthly**
Wednesdays, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 & April 5
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Join this informal group of men and women with an interest in investing to discuss a variety of financial topics, sometimes including outside speakers. Bring questions and recommendations for the annual best stock of the year contest. For more information, contact Dave Meagher at dmeagher@gmail.com or (847) 858-1799. Time: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$2 per person. RR

■ **'Library Edition' Book Club**
Jan. 11
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join a discussion of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. Copies of the book are available to check out from the book club holds shelf. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

■ **A Conversation with Ross Gay**
Jan. 11
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Kick off the new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay, whose most recent collection of essays, "Inciting Joy," will explore the joy of turning our attention to what brings us together and to what we love while talking to performance poet Dan "Sully" Sullivan. Gay's award-winning books of poetry include "Be Holding"

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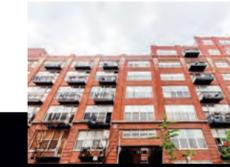
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and “Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude.” The event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries. Time: 7 to 8 p.m. RR

■ Colleen Moore’s Fairy Castle

Jan. 18
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Join Margaret Schlesinger, former head curator at the Museum of Science and Industry, on a tiny virtual tour of Colleen Moore’s enchanted Fairy Castle. See up close the hand-painted artwork and delicately crafted miniature artifacts of the castle and get a glimpse of the conservation project completed in 2014. Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m. RR

■ Trivia Night

Jan. 28
Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge
5901 S. County Line Road, Hinsdale
www.hinsdalehistory.org

Make a team of 2 to 10 players, come up with a historically based theme and costumes, and test your knowledge at this Hinsdale Historical Society night of fun. See website for details. Time: 7 to 10 p.m. Cost: \$400 per table until Jan. 6, then \$450.

STEPPING BACK

■ Farmhouse Life in the Winter: Family Health

Jan. 2-Feb. 27
Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago
www.dupageforest.org
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Enjoy a guided tour of the

1890s farmhouse focusing on a common winter experience: taking care of a sick family member. Learn about “sick foods” of the period, how candy was used as medicine and how the first floor bedroom acted as the sick room. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays to Mondays. Admission: \$5 suggested donation for ages 3 and up.

■ Emigration from Europe: A Genealogy Class

Jan. 10
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Genealogist and librarian Jaymie Middendorf will discuss popular ports for departure in Europe and how to access available records, primarily focusing on records from 1850 to the 1930s. Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m. RR

TEENS & TWEENS

■ Elite Company — Lively Arts

Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 2-25
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Dancers in sixth through 12th grade desiring to grow and perform can further their training with performance and competitions through a fun, educational and creative experience. Time: 8 to 8:45 p.m. Cost: \$630. RR, MD

■ Hot Sauce Challenge

Jan. 7
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
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the test and see how much hot sauce heat they’re able to stand. Time: 2 to 3 p.m. RR

■ Manga and Anime Club

Jan. 12
Hinsdale Public Library
20 E. Maple St.
www.hinsdalelibrary.info
(630) 986-1976

Middle- and high-schoolers are invited to discuss different manga and anime while completing activities and enjoying snacks. Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. RR

WEE ONES

■ Sideline Cheer/Poms

Mondays, Jan 2-23
The Community House
415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Dancers ages 3-5 will be introduced to the fun and exciting movements of poms, focusing on sharpness, technique, muscle control, stamina, self-motivation and having fun. Time: 4:30 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$143. RR, MD

■ Soccer Shots Classic

Wednesdays, Jan. 11-March 8
The Community House

415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale
www.thecommunityhouse.org
(630) 323-7500

Kids ages 3-5 will learn basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting through creative and imaginative games as well as focus on a positive character trait each session, such as respect, teamwork and appreciation. Time: 11:25 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$160. RR, MD

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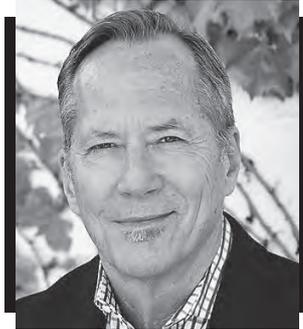
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180 Highpoint Drive, Apt. 202,
Romeoville, IL. 60446.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and Official Seal at my office
in Wheaton, Illinois, this 12th
day of December, A.D. 2022.
Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO. 78897
was filed in the office of the
County Clerk of DuPage
County on December 6, 2022
wherein the business firm of

BUONA FORTUNA BOUTIQUE

Located at 91 Midhurst Court,
Naperville, IL. 60565 was reg-
istered; that the true or real
name or names of the per-
son or persons owning the
business, with their respective
post office address(es), is/are
as follows: Anna Schwab, 91
Midhurst Court, Naperville, IL.
60565.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and Official Seal at my office in
Wheaton, Illinois, this 6th day
of December, A.D. 2022.
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CERTIFICATE NO. 78907 was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk of DuPage County on
December 12, 2022 wherein
the business firm of

CHERYL A. MUSCH DBA CHERYL'S TOTAL LOOK

Located at 135 W. Quincy
Street, Westmont, IL. 60559
was registered; that the true
or real name or names of the
person or persons owning the
business, with their respec-
tive post office address(es),
is/are as follows: Cheryl A.
Musch, 135 W. Quincy Street,
Westmont, IL. 60559.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and Official Seal at my office
in Wheaton, Illinois, this 12th
day of December, A.D. 2022.
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DuPage County Clerk

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An optimist stays up until mid-
night to see the new year in.
A pessimist stays up to make
sure the old year leaves.

Bill Vaughan

And now we welcome the new
year. Full of things that have
never been.

Rainer Maria Rilke

Public Notices

CERTIFICATE NO. 78898 was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk of DuPage County on
December 16, 2022 wherein
the business firm of

PREFERRED COPYWRITING SERVICES

Located at 91 Midhurst Ct.,
Naperville, IL. 60565 was reg-
istered; that the true or real
name or names of the per-
son or persons owning the
business, with their respective
post office address(es), is/are
as follows: James K. Schwab,
91 Midhurst Ct., Naperville, IL.
60565.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and Official Seal at my office
in Wheaton, Illinois, this 16th
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DuPage County Clerk

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF DUPAGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Case No: 22 MR 719

FOR CHANGE OF NAME (ADULT)

Public Notice is hereby given
that on February 9, 2023 at
9:00 A.M. in Courtroom No.
2005 at DuPage County
Judicial Center, 505 North
County Farm Road, Wheaton,
Illinois, I will have my petition
heard in the said Court for
the change of my name from:
Fernando Garcia to that of Fer
Garcia, pursuant to the statute
in such case made and pro-
vided. Dated: December 14,
2022 at Wheaton, Illinois /s/
Fernando Garcia, Petitioner

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Be at war with your vices, at
peace with your neighbors,
and let every new year find
you a better man.

Benjamin Franklin

Equal Housing



It is the intent and goal of this
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contrary to these laws will be
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language is objectionable.
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 - 12 WESTERN TRIBE
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 - 15 DRESSING INGREDIENT
 - 17 SUGAR UNIT
 - 18 FILL IN - BLANK
 - 19 CONCLUDE
 - 20 MONK'S HOME
 - 21 DROOP
 - 22 BIKINI TOP
 - 23 WAN
 - 26 GERM
 - 30 GOD, IN GRANADA
 - 31 JOKE
 - 32 SPOKEN
 - 33 "YOU WISH!"
 - 35 PESKY INSECTS
 - 36 CHAIRMAN OF CHINA
 - 37 GREYHOUND VEHICLE
 - 38 HOOPSTER
 - 41 DICT. INFO
 - 42 CHI FOLLOWER
 - 45 SANDWICH COOKIE
 - 46 FUEL-PRODUCING AREA
 - 48 HINDU ROYAL
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 - 9 VITTLES
 - 10 MARGARITA GARNISH
 - 11 GLIMPSE
 - 16 CAMPUS VIP
 - 20 LOB'S PATH
 - 21 STAPLE IN SOME ASIAN RECIPES
 - 22 GINORMOUS
 - 23 DO SUMS
 - 24 POLITE ADDRESS
 - 25 WEED WHACKER
 - 26 CHESS PIECE
 - 27 -- PRO NOBIS
 - 28 CUDGEL
 - 29 OVERHEAD TRAINS
 - 31 STICKY STUFF
 - 34 SCRATCH
 - 35 NONSENSE
 - 37 PROVE UNTRUE
 - 38 COMICS' MRS.
 - 39 DITHERS
 - 40 BEDOUIN
 - 41 HEREDITARY UNIT
 - 42 EXEMPLAR OF THINNESS
 - 43 SOCCER LEGEND
 - 44 FAUX PAS
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ANSWERS TO TODAY'S CROSSWORD CAN BE FOUND IN THE CLASSIFIEDS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

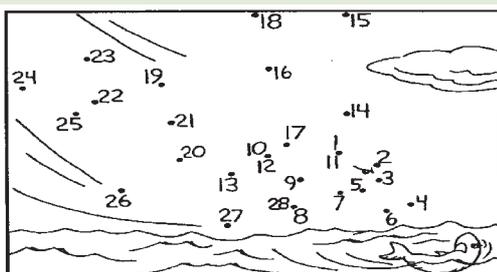
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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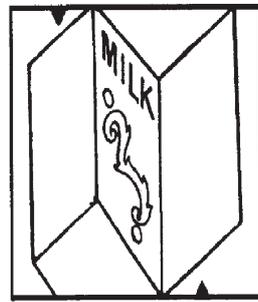


SKY DIVER! Something's up, watch out below! Add lines from dot to dot to complete the picture. What can you draw?

SPILLED MILK! Answer this: Is the milk container shown at right below standing on end, or is it resting on its side? It all depends on how you look at it.

Fix your gaze on the figure for several seconds, and presto chango, the container will appear to move from one side to the other (note arrows).

It's an optional illusion with seemingly shifting lines that fool you, of course.



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HOROSCOPES

January 2023 Horoscopes • Week 1



CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Family time is a hot commodity for you right now, Capricorn. Even after the holidays, you have a few other events on the calendar that will bring relatives together.



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Sometimes you have to hold some things in to safeguard others from sticky situations. It can be tricky keeping secrets, but this week it is for the best.



CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
If a person comes to you needing a friend in the next few days, resist the urge to offer advice. Simply listen and provide companionship. This is all the person needs at the moment.



LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, there is a lot of momentum around you, but for some reason you cannot find your footing. Sooner than later you'll find your path and will be moving along.



AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
It can be difficult to let things go and trust other people. However, the free time that you'll get will enable you to tackle other items on your to-do list, Aquarius.



TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, there are a lot of people in your corner right now who are willing to pitch in when you need help. If you encounter an obstacle, just ask for assistance.



LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Prioritize getting your finances in order, Leo. Make this one New Year's resolution that you maintain; otherwise, you may have financial troubles in the months to come.



SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Take charge of your priorities, Scorpio. It can be easy to get swept away in other people's drama. Make a list of all the things you want to accomplish and start working.



PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
If you are thinking about going back to school or learning a new skill, this is the time to do it, Pisces. Start shopping around for programs.



GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, change your schedule or your scenery, especially if you feel like you are in a rut. All it may take is one modification to bring on an entirely new perspective.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
A few opportunities are coming your way in regard to your career, Virgo. Sort through all of the offers and figure out what works best for your situation.



SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, people are expecting much of you this week, especially higher-ups at work. You may need to find the motivation to keep going. The end result will be worth it.

SPORTS

Classic Central



Hinsdale Central senior Patrick Graham (clockwise from top left) lays up a shot while teammate and fellow senior Emerson Eck knocks down a three-pointer during the Red Devils' quarterfinal game Tuesday against Homewood-Flossmoor in the Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic. Senior Ben Oosterbaan led the team in scoring with 26 points, including this shot, and also made a key shot block at the rim to help secure the 69-59 victory over the Vikings. The win earned the team a berth in the semifinals against Marian Catholic Wednesday night after press time. The Devils then will either advance to the championship game at 8:30 p.m. today, Dec. 29, or play in the third-place game at 7 p.m. (Jim Slonoff photos)



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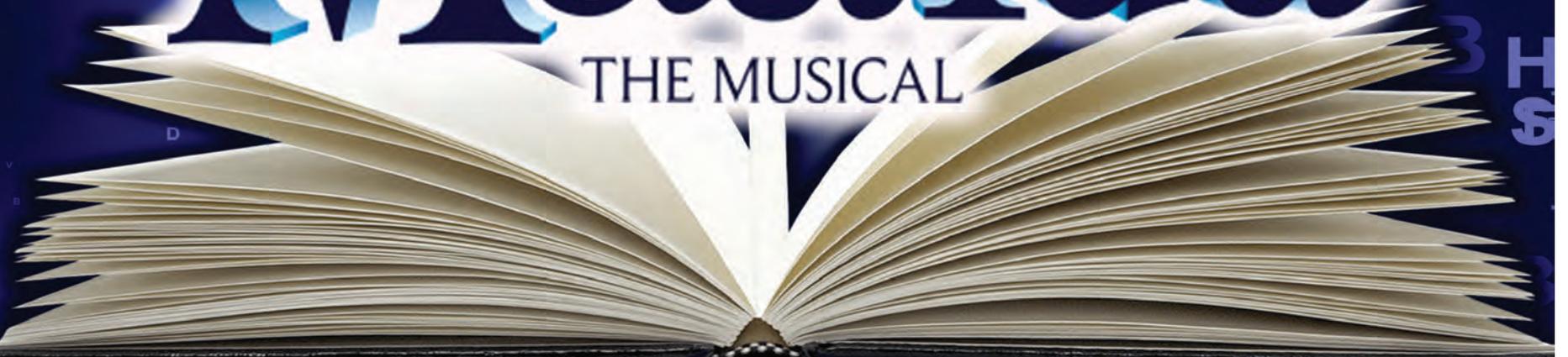



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